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SUBJECT: STATEMENTS OF MEXICAN OFFICIAL ON NUCLEAR
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1. MEXICAN PRESS MAY 24 REPORTS STATEMENTS BY NATIONAL PATRIMONY SECRETARY OTEYZA (WITH LOPEZ PORTILLO PARTY) FROM LENINGRAD. REPORTS CONFLICT SOMEWHAT, BUT OTEYZA QUOTED AS INDICATING MEXICO HAD AGREED TO USE "SWEDISH PROCESSING TECHNIQUES" FOR MEXICAN URANIUM. (ONE REPORT CALLS THIS "URANIUM ENRICHMENT".) SAME VERSION (EXCELSIOR), ALSO FEATURED ON ENGLISH-LANGUAGE "RADIO VIP," QUOTES OTEYZA AS SAYING THAT MEXICO AND U.S. WOULD "SIGN AGREEMENT IN OCTOBER" TO GUARANTEE ENRICHED URANIUM TO MEXICO FOR LAGUNA VERDE.

2. WE, OF COURSE, DON'T KNOW WHAT OTEYZA REALLY SAID AND HOW MUCH DISTORTION THERE IS IN MEDIA ACCOUNTS. AFTER
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CHECKING WITH KEY GOM CONTACT HERE, WE WOULD SURMISE THAT OTEYZA WAS REALLY REFERRING TO (A) POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT VENTURE WITH SWEDEN TO ESTABLISH A FUEL FABRICATION FACILITY IN MEXICO AND (B) MEXICAN HOPE AND EXPECTATION THAT PROBLEMS WITH THE U.S. ARE BEING RESOLVED AND THAT THE LAGUNA VERDE FUEL EXPORT LICENSE WILL BE ISSUED IN OCTOBER. LUCEY

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